

Application Serial No.: 09/722,050

Attorney Docket No. 089070-0311365 (23439-010)

In Response to Office Action mailed December 14, 2004

**AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:**

- The nine (9) attached sheets of drawings in **APPENDIX A** replace the sheets depicting FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23 that were filed with the formal drawings submitted on October 25, 2001.
- The nine (9) attached sheets of drawings in **APPENDIX B** are marked-up versions of the replacement sheets provided in **APPENDIX A**. These sheets are provided to highlight the corrections made in the replacement sheets provided in **APPENDIX A**.
- The changes made to FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23 are described in the **Remarks/Arguments** section beginning on page 19 of this paper.

**APPENDIX A:** Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23.

**APPENDIX B:** Marked-up Versions of the Replacement Sheets for FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23.

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### **REMARKS**

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 13) mailed December 14, 2004, no claims have been amended, cancelled, or newly added. Therefore, claims 1-94 remain pending. In view of the following comments, allowance of all the claims pending in the application is respectfully requested.

### **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (I.D.S.)**

1. An I.D.S. was filed by Applicant on May 2, 2001. To date, however, Applicant has not received a copy of the Form PTO-1449 signed by the Examiner indicating that this I.D.S. was considered. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.
2. Applicant is submitting herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and respectfully requests that the Examiner provide a signed copy of the Form PTO-1449 for this submission with the next Office Action.

### **SPECIFICATION**

The Specification has been amended to update related application data.

### **DRAWINGS**

Applicant previously submitted a set of formal drawings on October 25, 2001. Subsequently, it was discovered that there were inadvertent errors and omissions in the formal drawings submitted for FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23. As such, to ensure that these figures

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match the figures that were originally filed with the Specification, Applicant is submitting herewith nine (9) attached sheets of drawings in APPENDIX A that replace the sheets depicting FIGS. 9, 12-18, and 23 previously filed with the formal drawings submitted on October 25, 2001.

The nine (9) attached sheets of drawings in APPENDIX B are marked-up versions of the replacement sheets provided in APPENDIX A. These sheets are provided to highlight the corrections made in the replacement sheets provided in APPENDIX A.

Applicant submits that the changes to the drawing figures described above do not constitute the addition of new matter, as support for the instant corrections is provided throughout the as-filed Specification and the drawing figures as originally filed. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Examiner approve the changes to the drawing figures.

**REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH**

Claims 1-94 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph for allegedly failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention. *See* Paper No. 13, pg. 2, ¶'s 2-3.

With regard to claims 1 and 39, the Examiner alleges that the phrase "*to enable one or more users to view*" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.

With regard to claims 6, 13, 20, 47, and 53, the Examiner alleges that the phrase "*for enabling*" renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.

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With regard to claims 35 and 39, the Examiner alleges that the phrase “*to enable*” renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.

With regard to claims 63, 64, 71-73, and 78, the Examiner alleges that the phrase “*further enabling*” renders the claims indefinite because it is unclear whether the limitations following the phrase are part of the claimed invention.

Applicant traverses this rejection for at least the reason that the Examiner’s rejection is legally improper. The Examiner erroneously relies on MPEP §2173.05(d) as justification for the rejection. See Paper No. 13, pg. 2, ¶3. This section is not relevant to Applicant’s claims, however, as it addresses the use of exemplary or preferential claim language similar to “such as” and “for example.” Claims 1, 6, 13, 20, 35, 39, 47, 53, 63, 64, 71-73, and 78 do not include such language.

Moreover, the claim language following the phrases “*to enable one or more users to view*,” “*for enabling*,” “*to enable*,” and “*further enabling*” further describes various features and aspects of Applicant’s invention. The use of such phrases does not render Applicant’s claims indefinite, nor would the phrases prevent a person of ordinary skill in the art from interpreting the metes and bounds of the claims in which they are recited. Accordingly, this rejection is improper and should be withdrawn.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103**

Claims 1-94 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,064,984 to Ferguson *et al.* (“Ferguson”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,608,620 to Lundgren. See Paper No. 13, pg. 3, ¶5. Applicant traverses the rejection of

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claims 1-94 for at least the reason that the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness.

A. Independent Claims 1 and 39.

Independent claims 1 and 39 are each directed to a graphical user interface for use with a computer-implemented system for viewing and analyzing performance data. Each claim recites that the graphical user interface comprises a performance view module to enable one or more users to view performance data of one or more contributors.

Independent claim 1 recites, *inter alia*, the feature(s) of “*wherein performance data is aggregated according to one or more user-defined criteria wherein one or more contributors’ performance in estimating earnings events are measured and compared.*” In the Office Action, the Examiner concedes that Ferguson fails to disclose this feature. The Examiner relies on Lundgren for this feature, however, alleging that the “*combination of the disclosures taken as a whole suggests that users would have benefited from being able to view performance data for various contributors and helped the users in their decision-making.*” This is legally improper. The Examiner’s recited motivation merely states what the alleged combination of the disclosures would suggest, or what “benefit” the combination of the disclosures would provide. In other words, the Examiner has focused on the “result” of the combination of Ferguson and Lundgren, but has not provided a legally proper teaching, suggestion, or motivation to combine the two references. For *at least* this reason, the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness and, accordingly, the rejection of claim 1 is improper and should be withdrawn.

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Independent claim 39 recites, inter alia, the feature(s) of “*wherein performance data comprises accuracy measures which compare contributors’ forecasts and actual performances of one or more earnings events where the accuracy measures for each contributor are compared to other contributors participating in forecasting the earnings events.*” The Examiner does not appear to have addressed these claim features anywhere in the Office Action. To establish prima facie obviousness of a claimed invention, all the claim limitations must be taught or suggested by the prior art. In re Royka, 490 F.2d 981, 985, 180 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 580 (C.C.P.A. 1974). “All words in a claim must be considered in judging the patentability of that claim against the prior art.” In re Wilson, 424 F.2d 1382, 1385, 165 U.S.P.Q. (BNA) 494, 496 (C.C.P.A. 1970). By failing to address *at least* the foregoing claim features, the Examiner has failed to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness. For *at least* this reason, the rejection of claim 39 is improper and should be withdrawn.

For *at least* the reasons set forth above, the rejection of claims 1 and 39 is improper and should be withdrawn. Dependent claims 2-38 and 40-94 are allowable because they depend from allowable independent claims, as well as for the further limitations they contain.

B. Dependent Claims 2-38 and 40-94.

Applicant traverses the Examiner’s unsupported contention (see Paper No. 13, pg. 3) that the features of claims 2-38 and 40-94 are either taught by the combined disclosures of Ferguson and Lundgren, or are old and well known in the art.

The Examiner has failed to: (1) identify which claims are allegedly being rejected based on the disclosures of Ferguson and Lundgren; (2) identify where (in the disclosures of Ferguson and Lundgren) the claim features are allegedly disclosed; and (3) provide a

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teaching, suggestion, or motivation for combining or modifying the teachings of the references to arrive at Applicant's claimed invention. Obviousness can only be established by combining or modifying the teachings of the prior art to produce the claimed invention where there is some teaching, suggestion, or motivation to do so found either in the references themselves or in the knowledge generally available to one of ordinary skill in the art. *In re Fine*, 837 F.2d 1071, 1074, 5 U.S.P.Q. 2d (BNA) 1596, 1598-99 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

The Examiner has further failed to identify those claims that are allegedly being rejected in view of Official Notice. The Examiner has also provided no evidence to support the contention that the features of any of claims 2-38 and 40-94 are old and well known in the context of a graphical user interface for use with a computer-implemented system for viewing

and analyzing performance data, as disclosed and claimed by Applicant.

Accordingly, having provided no evidentiary support for the rejection of any of dependent claims 2-38 and 40-94, the Examiner's rejection of these claims is improper and should be withdrawn.

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**CONCLUSION**

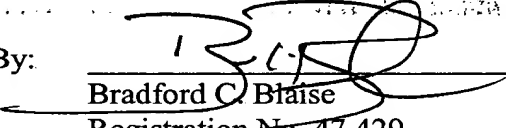
Having addressed each of the foregoing rejections, it is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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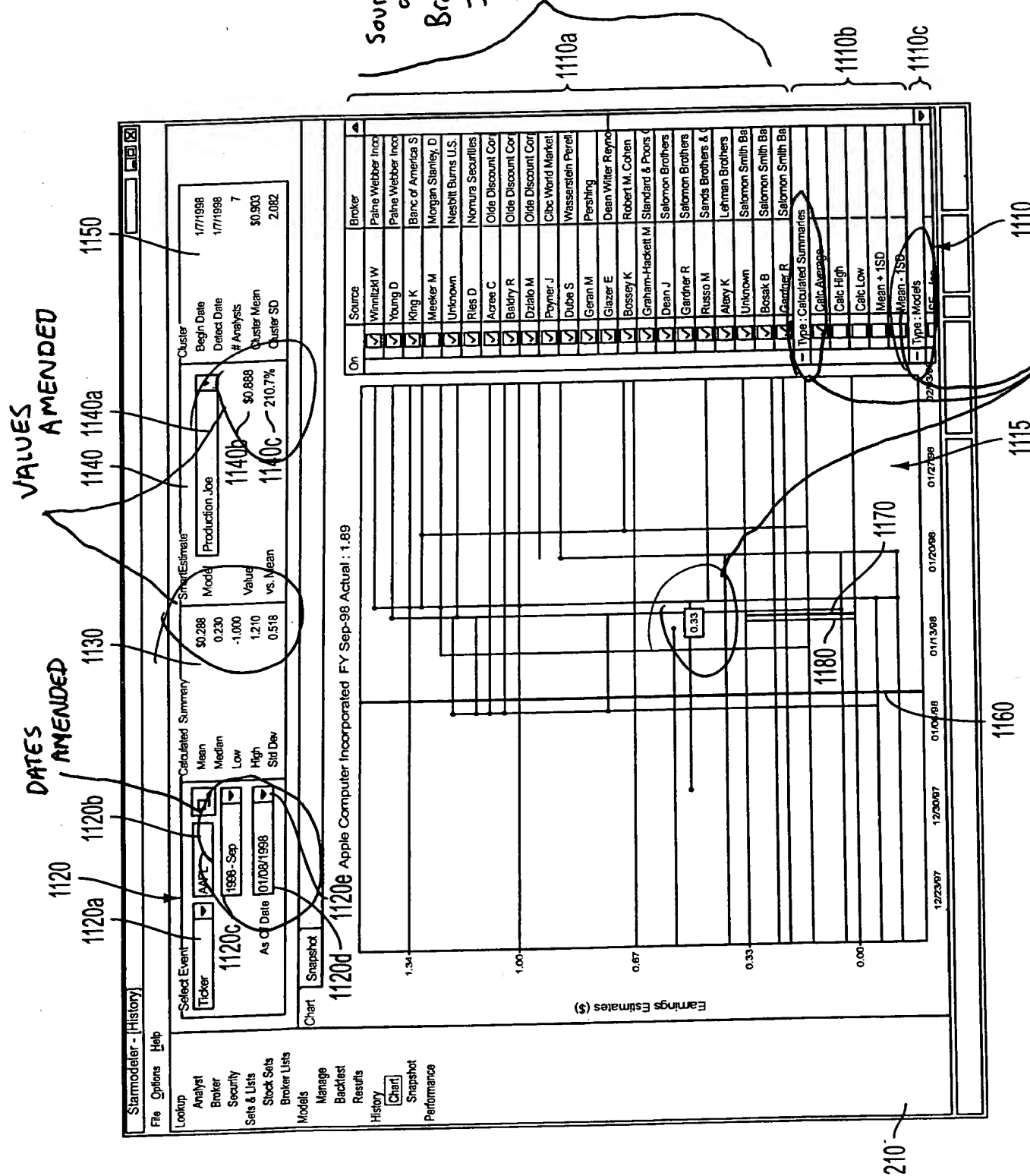


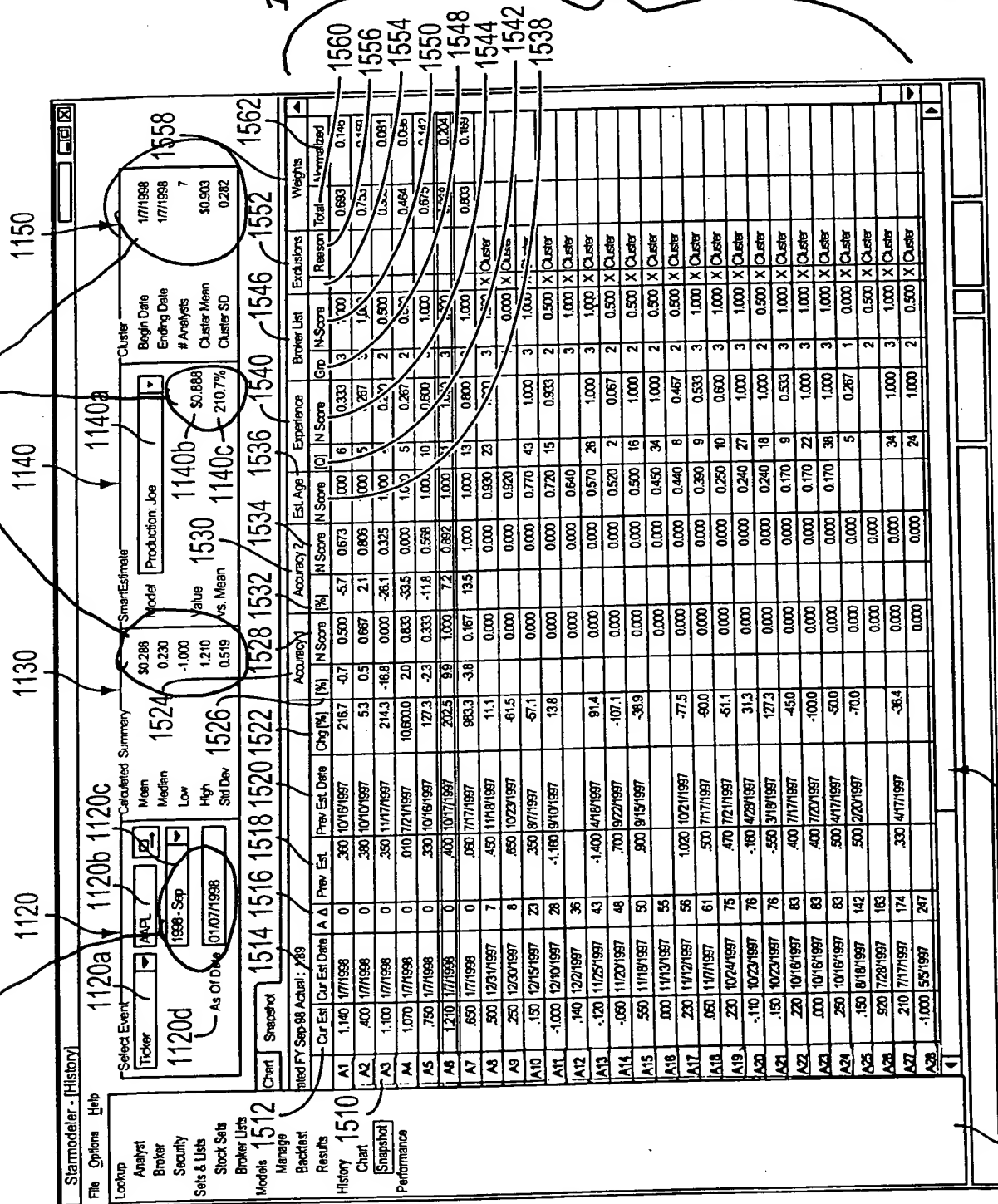
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Information included in FIG. 12 as originally filed, but not included in previously submitted Formal Drawing for FIG. 12.



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Factor Weights

Accuracy 1: 40 (19.51%)

Accuracy 2: 60 (29.27%)

All Star: 0 (0.00%)

Broker List: 35 (17.07%)

Experience: 35 (17.07%)

Estimate Age: 35 (17.07%)

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Exclusions

☒ Exclude estimates older than 100 days old.

☐ Exclude estimates more than 2.5 standard deviations from the mean.

☒ Attempt to detect most recent cluster. Exclude all estimates prior to this point.

Cluster Definition

Adjacent estimates are revised in same direction by at least 3 days.

Estimates are revised in same direction by at least 5 percent

☐ Fixed number of analysts: at least 4 analysts

☐ Variable number of analysts

Require 2 analysts when # of analysts is between 2 and 4

Require 3 analysts when # of analysts is between 5 and 8

Require 4 analysts when # of analysts is between 9 and 20

Require 20% of analysts when followed by 21 or more analysts.

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FIG. 13

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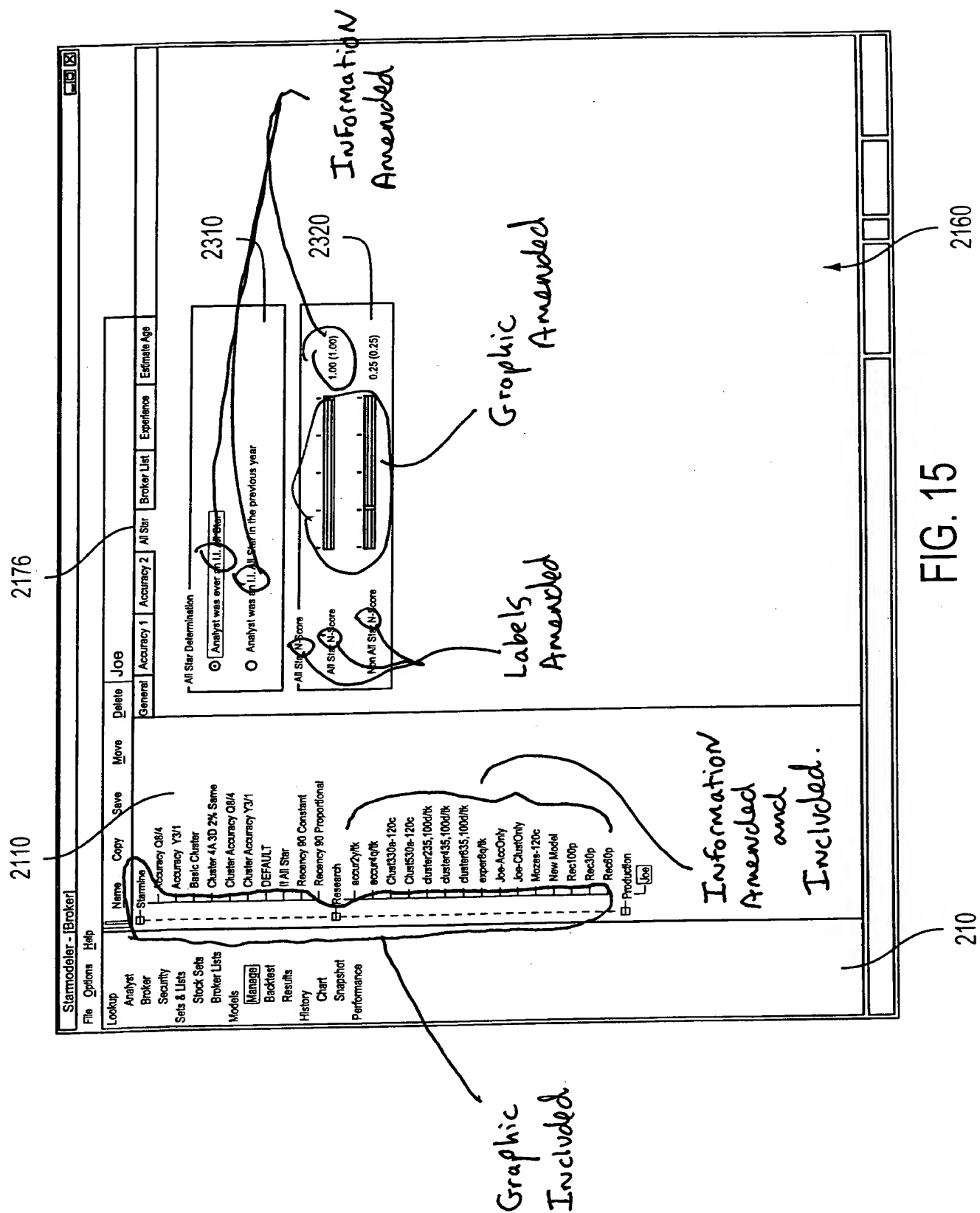
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Nativity Investments, Inc.	8
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National Securities Corporation	4
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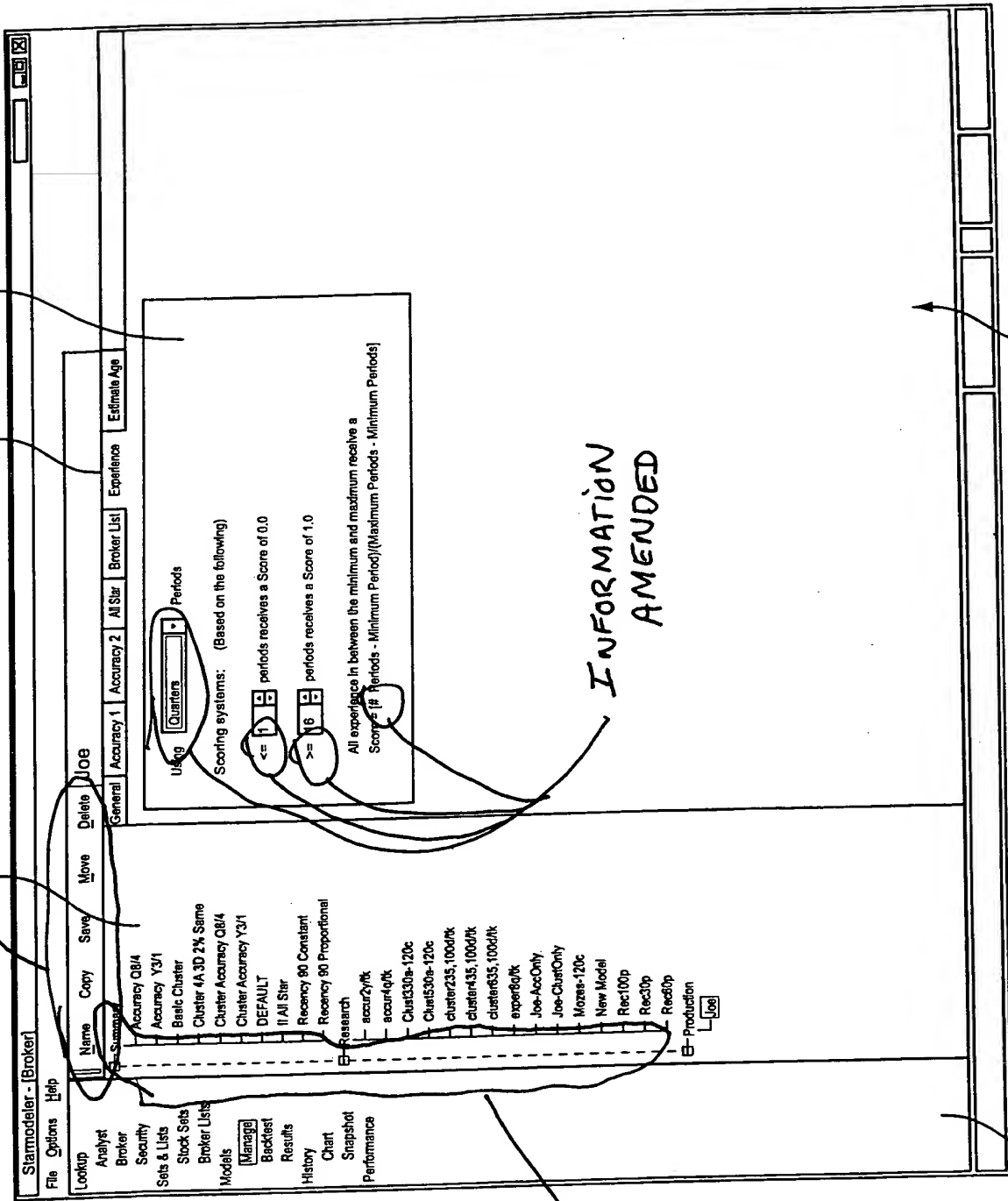
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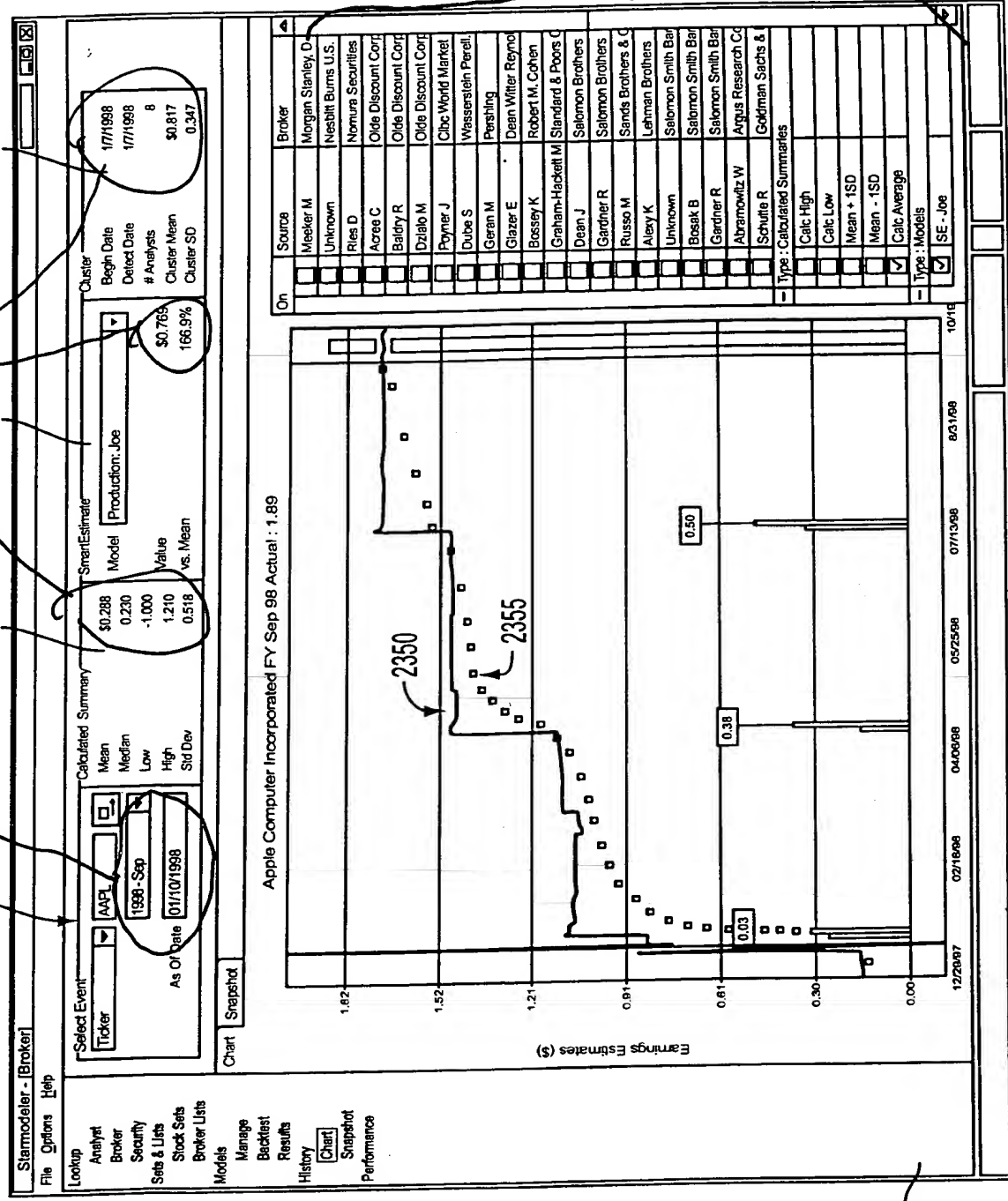
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